

Sunrise (MacCorkle Mansion)  
746 Myrtle Road  
Charleston  
Kanawha County  
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-216

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20243

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STATE West Virginia	COUNTY Kanawha	TOWN OR VICINITY Charleston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MacCorkle Mansion (National Register of Historic Places Inventory Registration Form)		HABS NO. HW-216
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Sunrise		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 746 Myrtle Road, Charleston, West Virginia		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1905 (NR)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not reported	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Sunrise is a large-scaled neo-Georgian mansion built for William A. MacCorkle (1857-1930), the ninth Governor of West Virginia. It is highly unusual because of the souvenir stones collected by MacCorkle and installed as part of the fabric of the house. Among prominent guests entertained at Sunrise; Adlai Stevenson, Vice-President under Cleveland; and Wm. Jennings Bryan.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neo-Georgian		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone bearing walls, wooden trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Dimensions not reported. House has amphiprostyle central pavilion flanked by wings. House is 2½ stories high above basement.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Colossal Doric tetrastyle porticoes dominate north and south fronts. North front overlooks Charleston and is symmetrical. South front is asymmetrical behind portico and is built partially of souvenir stones collected by MacCorkle throughout the United States. Stones are incised with names of their places of origin.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor plans not reported. Interior is said to have 36 rooms. Living room is paneled and is two stories high with balcony at entrance end opposite fireplace surrounded by carved stones from places as widespread as Egypt, China, and the cities of London, Rome, and Versailles.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None reported.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition appears to be very good. Used as privately owned non-profit educational & cultural center.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form, prepared by Ted McGee, 1973.		
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